

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6, 8 and 9.

Please amend claims 1, 7 and 10 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An elongated device for medical procedures, comprising:
a superelastic member having proximal and distal ends, and having a first section with a first set of properties and an adjacent second section having a second set of properties which have been altered from the first set of properties; and

an elongated proximal member having proximal and distal ends, wherein the proximal end of the superelastic member is secured to the distal end of the proximal member.

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7. (Amended) An elongated device for medical procedures comprising a superelastic member having a first section with a first set of properties and an adjacent second section having a second set of properties which have been altered from the first set of properties and further alloyed with an easily diffusable element, wherein the superelastic member comprises a nickel-titanium alloy.

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10. (Amended) The elongated device of claim 7, wherein the easily diffusable element is selected from the group consisting of oxygen, hydrogen, carbon and nitrogen.

REMARKS

Applicant has canceled claims 6, 8 and 9. Applicant has amended claims 1, 7 and 10. Claims 1-10 are pending in this application, and claims 11-19 have been withdrawn from consideration. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.